Import of 3rd generation antibiotics

1628. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs of 3rd. Generation antibiotics imported' in finished form by multinational drug companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the custom duty has been exempted on these drugs based on the recpmmendation of his Ministry;

(c) whether his Ministry fixed-the prices of these medicines; and

(d) if so, the price fixed for each and at what price each is being sold;

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (c) and (d) The required details to the extent available will be collected and , laid, on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir, Office of the Drug, Controller (India) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is concerned with making necessary recommendations to exempt drugs, imported in finished formulations, from custom duty.

Setting up of LPG Bottling Plants In the States

.1629. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
' SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new LPG connections were sanctioned during the last three years in each State; and

(b) how many LPG bottling plants were set up in the country during the above period and during the current year; with place of location refilling capacity, expenditure incurred and also the year of installation in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM • DUTT): (a) and (b) The information is given in Annexure I [See Appendix CL, Annexure No. 72] and [See Appendix CL, Annexure No. 73] respectively.

Viability of Karnal Refinery

1630. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO;
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference of opinion about *the* viability of Karnal refinery;

(b) whether Planning Commission is opposing the project; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRl BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) As part of the usual appraisal process, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by Jt. Venture Partners *viz.* Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Tata Chemicals Ltd. (TCL) for Kamal Refinery Project was examined by the Government and the partners were asked to incorporate material relating to evaluation of different processing schemes, some detailed engineering etc. in the DPR which is essential to arrive at a realistic cost estimate and time frame for project implementation. The final view of the Govt., including the Planning Commission, can be formulated only after the revised DPR has been received and examined.